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God Bless America



(Top) Reminiscent of the flag raising at Iwo Jima in WW II, New York City firefighters raise the American flag above the World Trade Center rubble. (Bottom) Military members and rescue personnel hang the Stars and Stripes near the damaged area of the Pentagon.

‘It’s War’

President Bush: ‘No distinction between attackers and those who harbor them’

WASHINGTON (NNS) — President Bush sent a warning to countries that turn a blind eye to terrorist activities within their borders.

“The search is under way for those who are behind these evil acts. I have directed the full resources of our intelligence and law-enforcement communities to find those responsible and to bring them to justice,” Bush said in a nationally televised address less than 12 hours after what is being called the worst act of terrorism in America’s history.

“We will make no distinction between those who committed these acts and those who harbor them.”

At about 9 a.m. EST Tuesday, suspected terrorists crashed two hijacked commercial airliners into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, while a third collapsed a portion of the Pentagon shortly after. No casualty figures are yet available, but officials have said they

expect them to be very high.

“Thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror,” Bush said, in describing the acts. But, he said, the attackers failed to “frighten our nation into chaos and retreat.”

“Our country is strong. A great people have been moved to defend a great nation,” Bush said. “These acts shatter steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve.”

Bush said America was targeted for attack because “we are the brightest beacon for freedom and opportunity in the world, and no one will keep that light from shining.” He reassured the country the U.S. military is strong and prepared.

“America has stood down enemies before and we will do so this time,” Bush said. “None of us will ever forget this day, yet we go forward to defend freedom and all that is good and just in our world.”

President says U.S. will be victorious

WASHINGTON (NNS) — “Now that war has been declared on us, we will lead America to victory,” President Bush said following a conversation with New York City Mayor Rudy Guiliani and New York Gov. George Pataki.

Bush pledged all the resources of the federal government to help New York City cope with the disaster.

As calls of support come to Washington from around the globe, Bush said, he and his security team are working on a campaign to win the war on terrorists. He told the governor and mayor that his resolve is “steady and strong about winning this war that has been declared on America.”

Bush said the New York and Pentagon attacks begin a new kind of war and that the United States must adjust to these new realities. He said that stamping out terrorism would require cooperation around the world. “This government will call oth-

ers to join us, to make sure this act, these acts, the people who conducted these acts and those who harbor them, are held accountable for their actions,” Bush said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sept. 12 that Americans must understand that this war will not be quick strikes and over. It won’t end with a single counterattack against one individual, he said. “It’s going to be a long-term conflict, and it’s going to be fought on many fronts — the military front, the intelligence front, the law enforcement front, the diplomatic front,” he said.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz also stressed the campaign will be a long one. “I think one thing is clear — that you don’t do it with just a single military strike, no matter how dramatic. It will be a campaign, not a single action. And we’re going to keep after these people and the people who support them until this stops,” he said.

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Meet a Sailor... JO3 Jackey Bratt



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Family Life: Jerry Crockett, Jerry Jr. (son)
Career Plans: To be picked up for the STA-21 officer program and become a public affairs officer.
Most Interesting Experience: Supporting Navy public affairs at Vieques, Puerto Rico.
Words of Wisdom: “I’ve learned that success is not measured by where you are in life, but rather the obstacles you’ve overcome to get there,” - Booker T. Washington

Meet a Civilian... Lori Nettles



Job title/command: Contractor, Defense Distribution Depot
Hometown: Jacksonville, Fla.
Past Duty Stations: Patrol Squadrons (VP)30, 45
Family Life: Mother of three children.
Career Plans: To complete a Master’s Degree.
Most Interesting Experience: Rock climbing.
Words of Wisdom: “Don’t leave home without your family. You love them!”

Commanding Officer shares his thoughts

By Capt. Mark S. Boensel
NAS Jacksonville Commanding Officer

I want to thank you all for your tremendous performance over the past ten days. Whether it was the rapid evacuation of the base on 11 September, providing security over the past week (which continues), working to keep the base running during Threatcon Delta or exercising great patience in dealing with the security measures required - you have all contributed positively to our ability to continue to operate our nation’s military forces while ensuring the safety of our people and our base.

We are back to work now with a heightened awareness of the importance of the part we play in protecting our nation and its citizens from our enemies. Almost immediately following the horrific terrorist acts in New York, Virginia and Pennsylvania, aircraft launched from this base to support our nation’s defense. From this base, last week, this week, and until the mission is accomplished, aircrews will continue to train, aircraft will continue to launch, aircraft will continue to overhauled and repaired, and vital logistical support will continue to flow to the fleet. Our mission is clear and unambiguous - we are here to enable warfighter readiness. That’s what this air station is about. That’s why we come to work each day. The defense of this great nation is our only reason for being here. Because of that, I cannot caution you strongly

enough, we too are a potential target for an enemy who takes advantage of our free and open society to move among us. This cannot be allowed to interfere with the performance of our critical mission, but it must cause us to carry on our tasks with vigilance and a wariness of suspicious activity.

As you know from listening to the President and our Congressional leaders, we have begun a war on those who were responsible for last week’s attacks on our country and way of life and on those who conduct or support terrorism against us. It will likely be a long and difficult effort that will test our mettle, but this is a war that we must win. It will require courage and resolute effort on all our parts. I know that we are up to the challenge and that we will prevail.

In the trying days that undoubtedly lay ahead, if your motivation begins to wane and your direction starts to become unclear, think about the events of 11 September 2001 and about the thousands of our fellow citizens that perished. From that reflection, I think that you will find all the personal inspiration and clarity of purpose needed to re-enforce your resolve to meet the great demands of our mission. The fight’s on - stay tough, remain vigilant and maintain focus on our mission.

God bless you all and God bless America.

With utmost respect and admiration,
Skipper

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5 p.m. - Catholic Mass - Msgr. Simon Peter Ignacio.
Sunday
8:30 a.m. - Protestant Communion - Chaplain Ruben Ortiz. Sermon: How to Heal a Broken Heart
9:30 a.m. - Catholic Mass - Msgr. Simon Peter Ignacio.
11 a.m. - Protestant Worship - Chaplain

Wayne Hatman. Sermon: How Shall Believers Respond to This Tragedy?
9 a.m. - Children's Sunday Class
9:45-10:45 a.m. - Protestant Sunday School
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Catholic CCD
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Defense Secretary addresses U.S. forces, DoD civilians

WASHINGTON (NNS) Sept. 12 — The following is a transcript of a videotaped message from Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld to members of the U.S. Armed Forces and to Department of Defense civilian employees:

Great crises are marked by their memorable moments. At the height of peril to his own nation, Winston Churchill spoke of their finest hour. Yesterday, America and the cause of human freedom came under attack, and the first great crisis of America's 21st century was suddenly upon us.

And we saw the memorable moments. Who will ever forget the display of national unity on the steps of the Capitol Building? People will long remember seeing and hearing the members of Congress spontaneously breaking out into "God Bless America." What a wonderful thing for the world to see, and what pride we can take in that moment.

So, too, President Bush's address to the nation will live in memory. He spoke for all of us when he showed his compassion and concern but also noted a quiet, unyielding anger among the American people. He offered a clear-sighted view of what needs to be done to prepare for the future.

As one of those working with him on his national security team, I can report that throughout the crisis, the president has been as commanding and impressive in person as he has been in his public addresses. As Americans, we can be proud of our president, our vice president and our leaders in Congress.

But I'm speaking to you now a little more than 24 hours after yesterday's attack. I must add that one of the finest hours of this crisis was here at the Pentagon.

For a long time to come, Americans will take pride and feel gratitude for how nobly and professionally our military and civilian personnel have responded here at the Department

of Defense. I left my office here in the Pentagon and went to the site of the attack minutes after it occurred. The scene was appalling, and even as I speak to you now, the human toll

of this tragedy is being counted. Most in this building have lost friends and colleagues. We're doing all we can for the families of those who were killed or hurt. Our grief is beyond description, and our condolences go out to all of those who have lost a loved one.

But we have pride, too; pride in their service to country and to us all, and pride that in the morning, the flag was still there; the Stars and Stripes was over the wreckage to mark their place of honor.

Our gratitude is also all but inde-

scribable for the firefighters and the police and the personnel from so many local, county, and state, as well as federal agencies who have assisted us. Their work and commitment have been an inspiration to me and to us all.

But in addition to telling you of America's pride in Defense Department personnel during the last 24 hours, it is my duty, as head of this department, to tell you that more, much more, will be asked of you in the weeks and months ahead.

This is especially true of those who are in the field. We face powerful and terrible enemies, enemies we intend to vanquish, so that moments of horror, like yesterday, will be stopped.

The task of vanquishing these terrible enemies and in protecting the American people and the cause of human freedom will fall to you, the men and women in the Department of Defense. I know we are ready. I know America can continue to count on your selflessness and courage and dedication to duty.

Let us never forget what this great institution is about. With its hallways filled with the pictures of Medal of Honor recipients and our country's great military leaders, this building is a place dedicated to the ethos of heroism.

Heroes have gone before us. Here at the Pentagon yesterday, heroes were here again.

I know I am speaking to many now, especially those of you in the field, those of you who wear the uniform of our country, who will in the days ahead also be called heroes. I salute each of you for your conduct and commitment. And without hesitation, I ask you now to stay the course in the challenging days ahead. A nation stands behind you.

I've been in public life for a long time, and if there's one lesson I have learned from it, it is this: Believe in the American people.

Believe in them especially when trouble starts, when the crisis comes. Believe in them to act worthy of their past, to act worthy of the future of peace and freedom they want for their children. Most of all, as you set about your dangerous work, believe in them to give you every support and give you their hearts and their prayers.

We extend our condolences, and ask God's tender mercies on our fallen comrades and their loved ones, and we ask His blessing and guidance as we turn to the work of defending this nation and preserving human freedom.

Donald H. Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense

Honor our POW-MIA's

The POW-MIA Recognition Service which was scheduled aboard NAS Jacksonville for Sept. 18, unfortunately, was cancelled due to the heightened security levels on station following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. NAS Jacksonville still encourages you to observe National POW-MIA Recognition Day, tomorrow, Sept. 21, and to honor these heroes. If you know a veteran, a former prisoner of war or the family member of someone missing in action take time to thank them for what they've sacrificed for this country.



Governor Bush sends message

I am writing on behalf of all Floridians to thank you for your leadership in this moment of crisis for our wonderful country. We are blessed to have the best armed forces in the world. The men and women who protect our freedom will

be put in harms way in the upcoming months and Floridians are thankful beyond words for their sacrifice.

God Bless America.
Jeb Bush

SECNAV responds to terrorist attack

WASHINGTON (NNS) Sept. 12 — The following is the text of a message released by the Secretary of the Navy: America's naval forces share in the loss and sorrow of yesterday's attack.

Our men and women in uniform, civilians and contractors were part of the nation's family that gave their lives for liberty, freedom and our way of life.

In the face of an unseen enemy and unknown dangers, the Pentagon's evacuation was punctuated by anonymous acts of bravery and kindness by countless Navy and Marine Corps service members and civilians.

In the days ahead, we will learn more about these attacks, will remain vigilant and will be prepared

to carry out the president's orders.

We will spare no effort to protect the American people and support our commander in chief's pledge to bring to justice the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them. As we have throughout our history, our nation will overcome this tragedy and emerge with an even stronger resolve to our fundamental principles and values.

My thoughts and prayers are with each of you and I know that our prayers are with the victims, their families, and our commander in chief. God bless America.

Gordon England
Secretary of the Navy

CORRECTION:

A photo caption run with the *Jax Air News* coverage of the NAS Jacksonville Multi-Cultural Awareness Fair misidentified Chief Wolf as Apache. Wolf is of the St. Johns River Tribe of the Cherokee Nation. He is not Apache.

Researcher tracking storms, seeks improved forecasting

Elizabeth Ritchie studies large-scale weather systems for the Naval Postgraduate School.



Story and Photo by Jeff Hilton
Staff Writer

Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) researcher Elizabeth Ritchie likes inclement weather. Rather she likes to study inclement weather.

She's also been known to ride aircraft that fly through storms - and enjoy it.

The veteran of nearly 20 weather research flights said, "I've never had a flight I didn't enjoy."

Ritchie is one of more than 80 participants in CAMEX-4, NASA's fourth Convection and Moisture Experiment operating from NAS Jacksonville through Sept. 24.

CAMEX-4 employs teams from NASA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), 10 universities and the military to study hurricanes during their peak months.

"I'm looking at how differences in large-scale environments affect tropical cyclone structure and intensity," said the Melbourne, Australia native.

Observing how vertical wind shear influences a storm's distribution of rainfall, radial winds and convection is important to her research. She believes hurricane forecasting can be improved by understanding how wind direction and speed changes interact within a storm's core.

Ritchie was a computer programmer with the Bureau of Meteorology in Melbourne before she became interested in weather research. In 1990, she attended an international weather experiment at the Joint Typhoon Warning Center in Guam. Ritchie took her first storm tracking flight while in Guam - through Super Typhoon Flo. Her experience led to a career change - computer programming for weather research.

Upon completing her doctorate in Australia, Ritchie joined the research staff at Penn State University. The opportunity to conduct weather research with distinguished professor Russell Elsberry at NPS drew her to Monterey, Calif.

During CAMEX-4 she has observed tropical storms Chantal and Dean.

Armed with a laptop and her eyes aboard NASA's DC-8 Airborne Laboratory, Ritchie's research relies mainly on observing data displayed on the instruments of other CAMEX-4 participants in the DC-8 as well as data from NASA's ER-2 Airborne Science aircraft, low-flying Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and satellites. "I like to ride the plane if I can because I can get a personal view," she said. The bulk of her work will take place after CAMEX-4 when NPS computers will simulate the dynamics of a storm's core development and changes in intensity.

Elsberry was glad Ritchie could get first-hand knowledge during CAMEX-4. "Professor Ritchie's work funded by the Office of Naval Research uses the Naval Research Lab mesoscale (weather formations up to 100 kilometers across) model to understand the basic physics of how vertical shear affects the storm intensity. Because the problem is so complex, it is very helpful to study the problem with idealized conditions. Professor Ritchie's computer results have provided new insights and she is participating in CAMEX-4 to obtain aircraft and other observations to check whether the clouds and winds indeed change due to vertical shear as in the model. If so, this should lead to better tropical cyclone intensity forecasts for the Fleet.

Ritchie said her research should help save the Navy money. More precise forecasts will enable ships to be routed safely around storms and also save fuel.

Ritchie even put her family life on hold for CAMEX-4. She was married July 14 and has spent just two weeks since then with her husband, J. Scott Tyo, an electrical engineer at the University of New Mexico (UNM). Her work with CAMEX-4 had to take precedence.

Ritchie will join her husband at UNM later this month as a research faculty member.

Once there, she will continue her CAMEX-4 research by telecommuting with Elsberry at NPS.

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AGC Rebecca Kaas
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ISC Lewis Markline
PNC William O'Donnell
YNC Michele Fristad
YNC Cheryl Yarbrough
NCC Marcia Steele
EMC(SW) Brian Cornwell
AOC Gordon Lydick
AMC Marc Julseth
AOC Michael Dodge
GMC(SW) Paul Cooper
OSC(SW) Stephen Gamble
ATC(AW) Raybon Stephens
ATC(AW) Mark Gross
AEC(AW) Paul Wojtylak
ETC(SS) Phillip Jones
AWC(AW/NAC) David Howard
GMC(SW) Stanley Ellis
ETC(SS) Randall Smith
NCC Emil Schellack
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YNC(SW) Condley Beasley
SKC Colette Reno
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YNC(SW) Vance Wise
AMC(AW) Rich Bierwirth
OSC(SW) Rob Cripe
YNC Robert Graham
ENC Martin Boyd
SKC Edward DeLeo
HTC Lyle Miller
AWC(AW/NAC) John Dottellis
AEC(AW) Steve Reinert
AMC(AW) Jim Lindsey
AEC(AW) Rolan Wooden
ATC(AW/NAC) Mark Sylvain
HMC Raymond Allum
EMC Joseph Burns
BMC(DV) Guy Favorite
DTC Mary G. Osorio-Mort
QMC Erik Swanson
HMC Pamela Synnes
YNC Stephanie DeLaPaz

SecNav, CNO list names of DoN unaccounted; offer condolences

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Two days after terrorists hijacked a civilian jetliner and took lethal aim at the Pentagon, the Department of the Navy (DoN) released the names of 33 Navy active-duty military and nine DoN civilian employees and contractors assigned to the Pentagon who are unaccounted for since the ensuing explosion and fire.

During a Sept. 13 Pentagon press briefing, Secretary of the Navy Gordon R. England and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark spoke of the tragic terrorist attacks as they released the names.

"I offer my prayers for all the families

of America that have suffered such a great tragedy, and in particular, the Navy families," said England. "As President Bush commented, 'this is going to take the long-term commitment of everyone here in the Pentagon, of our military services and of all Americans.' This is not going to be a short program."

"These 42 people were serving their nation when they were attacked. These men and women committed their lives, and were committed to their service," the CNO said. "On behalf of the entire Navy family, we extend our condolences to the families."

Partial list of unaccounted Pentagon Navy personnel

Active-duty Pentagon Navy personnel who are unaccounted for include:

- Yeoman 2nd Class Melissa Rose Barnes, 27, Redlands, Calif.;
- Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Kris Romeo Bishundat, 23, Waldorf, Md.;
- Electronics Technician 3rd Class Christopher Lee Burford, 23, Hubert, N.C.;
- Electronics Technician 3rd Class Daniel Martin Caballero, 21, Houston, Texas;
- Lt. Eric Allen Cranford, 32, Drexel, N.C.;
- Capt. Gerald Francis Deconto, 44, Sandwich, Mass.;
- Information Systems Technician 1st Class Johnnie Doctor Jr., 32, Jacksonville, Fla.;
- Cmdr. Robert Edward Dolan, 43, Florham Park, N.J.;
- Cmdr. William Howard Donovan Jr., 37, Nunda, N.Y.;
- Cmdr. Patrick Dunn, 39, Fords, N.J.;
- Aerographer's Mate 1st Class Edward Thomas Earhart, 26, Salt Lick, Ky.;
- Lt. Cmdr. Robert Randolph Elseth, 37, Vestal, N.Y.;
- Storekeeper 3rd Class Jamie Lynn Fallon, 23, Woodbridge, Va.;
- Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class Matthew Michael Flocco, 21, Newark, Del.;
- Capt. Lawrence Daniel Getzfred, 57, Elgin, Neb.;
- Electronics Technician 1st Class Ronald John Hemenway, 37, Kansas City, Kan.;
- Lt. Michael Scott Lamana, 31, Baton Rouge, La.;
- Operations Specialist 2nd Class Nehamon Lyons IV, 30, Mobile, Ala.;
- Electronics Technician 2nd Class Brian Anthony Moss, 34, Sperry, Okla.;
- Lt. Cmdr. Patrick Jude Murphy, 38, Flossmoor, Ill.;
- Illustrator/Draftsman 2nd Class Michael Allen Noeth, 30, Jackson

- Heights, N.Y.;
- Lt. Jonas Martin Panik, 26, Minnerville, Pa.;
- Lt. j.g. Darin Howard Pontell, 26, Columbia, Md.;
- Aviation Warfare Systems Operator 1st Class Joseph John Pycior Jr., 39, Carlstadt, N.J.;
- Information Systems Technician 1st Class Marsha Dianah Ratchford, 34, Prichard, Ala.;
- Cmdr. Robert Allan Schlegel, 38, Gray, Maine;
- Cmdr. Dan Frederic Shanower, 40, Naperville, Ill.;
- Chief Information Systems Technician Gregg Harold Smallwood, 44, Overland Park, Kan.;
- Lt. Cmdr. Otis Vincent Tolbert, 38, Lemoore, Calif.;
- Lt. Cmdr. Ronald James Vauk, 37, Nampa, Idaho;
- Lt. Cmdr. David Lucian Williams, 32, Newport, Ore.;
- Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Kevin Wayne Yokum, 27, Lake Charles, La.;
- Chief Information Systems Technician Donald McArthur Young, 41, Roanoke, Va.

Unaccounted for Pentagon

Navy civilians are:

- Ms. Angela Houtz, 27, La Plata, Md.;
- Mr. Brady Howell, 26, Arlington, Va.;
- Ms. Judith Jones, 53, Woodbridge, Va.;
- Mr. James Lynch, Manassas, Va.;
- Capt. Jack Punches, USN (Ret.), 51, Clifton, Va.;
- Mr. Marvin Woods, 58, Great Mills, Md.

Navy contractors unaccounted for at the Pentagon are:

- Mr. Julian Cooper, 39, Springdale, Md.;
- Mr. Jerry Moran, 39, Upper Marlboro, Md.;
- Mr. Khang Nguyen, Fairfax, Va.

‘Scouts’ of Arabia II

A triumphant tour



(Above) Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Vinson about to make his final deployed arrested landing on USS Enterprise.

(Left) Vinson smiles for the camera before his last “Scout” flight.



By Lt. Jake Abrams
VS-24 PAO

The “Scouts” of Sea Control Squadron (VS) 24 are currently deployed in the Arabian Gulf aboard the USS Enterprise. VS-24 entered the Gulf on the Aug. 1 and immediately began flying heavily in support of Operation Southern Watch and United Nations sanction enforcement.

“Scouts” have flown more than 764 hours and accumulated 362 arrested landings on the Enterprise while in the Arabian Gulf. They formed the backbone of aerial refueling for Carrier Air Wing Eight during multiple retaliatory strikes against Iraqi air defenses and led the effort to interdict illegal maritime smuggling into and out of Iraq. VS-24 represented the only Navy airborne refueling asset in the region, and the squadron delivered more than two million pounds of jet fuel, enabling the air wing to fight effectively and preventing aircraft from diverting to land at alternate airfields.

The “Scouts” have played a vital strike support role, flying the Surveillance System Upgrade (SSU) S-3B over land and imaging targets deep within Southern Iraq. The unique Search and Rescue (SAR) radar of this aircraft provided valuable imagery to strike aircraft and precisely located mo-

bile targets of interest. Augmenting the SSU, conventionally configured “Scout” S-3s flew electronic support missions, detecting and localizing active Iraqi air defense radars. VS-24 aircrew has executed flawlessly and showed remarkable flexibility in a dynamic environment.

The “Scout” maintenance team has been the driving force behind the squadron’s success, providing mission-capable aircraft and working tirelessly to safely repair jets for another day of intense flight operations.

VS-24 recently bade farewell to one of their finest pilots. On Sept. 5, Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Vinson made his 660th and final arrested landing of his department head tour. He had graciously offered to stay with the “Scouts” past his requisite two-and-a-half-year tour and deployed with VS-24 to lend his experience and superior airmanship to the squadron while on deployment. Unable to prevent the inevitable, Vinson received his orders to Training Squadron (VT) 86 at NAS Pensacola while in the Gulf and departed shortly thereafter. He will be flying the T-2 Buckeye and training student Naval Flight Officers in their final phase of flight school. Vinson served as Administrative, Safety, and Maintenance Officer while at VS-24, and the “Scouts” will sorely miss him. “*Scouts*” rule.

VS-22: Influencing U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen

By Lt. Mark Alexander
VS-22 PAO

For most college students, summer is a time for vacation, relaxing, and working random jobs to earn spending money for the fall semester.

That’s not the case for midshipmen though. This summer, eight midshipmen from the U.S. Naval Academy were lucky enough to spend part of their summer training with Sea Control Squadron (VS) 22. These mids came from other training programs, to spend four weeks with the “Checkmates”



VS-22 Midshipmen Training Officer and MIDN Meagan Varley return from a low-level flight.

shipmen, First Class Summer Training is an opportunity to learn the duties and responsibilities of a junior officer in the fleet. After three years at the Academy, midshipmen narrow down their career options and use the cruise as a final determining factor in the selection process.

The midshipmen participated in all the flight training conducted by VS-22. They flew ‘War at Sea’ exercises, performed aerobatic maneuvers, helped with Fleet Carrier Landing Practices, and flew cross-country training flights to Portland, Oregon, San Diego and Key West.

Upon returning from a bombing run, MIDN Shevonne Wells said, “That was awesome! It was even better than this one time on my surface cruise, when I got to launch a missile!”

The midshipmen were able to fly in the T-34C and the SH-60F, and spent many hours flying in various simulators. In an effort to expose the mids to career options that stem from naval aviation, the VS-22 Midshipmen Training Officer coordinated a trip to the Kennedy Space Center to view the launch of the space shuttle Atlantis. It was an amazing sight and a first time experience for everyone.

Although the summer training program was a positive experience for all, not everyone left with the intention of joining the aviation community.

After a couple of surface cruises and four weeks of flying with VS-22, two of the mids determined that, upon graduating in May of 2002, they would rather enter the Surface Warfare community.

As much as the aircrew of VS-22 would like every midshipman to walk away saying, “I want to be a Naval Aviator!,” it’s good to know that the summer cruise provided the mids enough insight to make that important decision.



Midshipman Art Rodriguez



Midshipman Shevonne Wells



U.S. Navy photo

USS George Washington keeps watch off New York City following terrorist attacks Sept. 11.

Navy secures ports, provides vital relief after Sept. 11 attacks

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Simultaneous terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center in New York, and the Pentagon locally, prompted an immediate security and relief effort by the U.S. Navy.

As aircraft carrier battle groups positioned ships off the coasts of Washington, D.C., and New York, the hospital ship USNS Comfort (AH 20) prepared to sail from its berth at Baltimore, Md., to embark Navy medical personnel at Earle, N.J., before setting sail for the coast of New York. Comfort has a crew of 61 civilian mariners and more than 700 Navy medical and support personnel.

Comfort contains 12 fully equipped operating rooms, a 1,000-bed hospital facility, radiological services, a medical laboratory, a pharmacy, an optometry lab, a CAT scan and two oxygen-producing plants.

The ship also has a helicopter deck capable of landing large military helicopters, as well as side ports to take on patients at sea.

In Norfolk, Va., the USS George Washington (CVN 73) Carrier Battle Group (CVBG) set sail in support of defense and humanitarian efforts off the coast of New York.

The ships in the battle group include USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55), USS Monterey (CG 61), USS Hue City (CG 66), USS Vicksburg (CG 69), USS Vella Gulf (CG 72), USS Ramage (DDG 61), USS Ross (DDG 71), USS Detroit (AOE 4), USS Bataan (LHD 5) and USS Shreveport (LPD 12).

George Washington will respond to tasking from the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) in providing air defense to the city.

USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67), based at Mayport, Fla., was already at sea when the terrorist attacks occurred. The carrier, with nearly a full air wing of fighter, attack and reconnaissance aircraft aboard, joined the George Washington CVBG off the coast of New York.

Other Atlantic Fleet ships have been directed to deploy with embarked Marines and medical assets to provide air defense, humanitarian and medical

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Navy, Marine Corps respond to terrorism with heroic acts

WASHINGTON (NNS) — When terrorists took aim at the Pentagon with a hijacked plane, leveling parts of the Department of Defense headquarters, Sailors and Marines responded swiftly with a determination to rescue the trapped and comfort the wounded.

The heroes included people like Capt. Dennis J. Kern, executive assistant and naval aide to Undersecretary of the Navy Susan M. Livingstone. He led his boss to safety amid the smoke and debris that littered the Pentagon in the wake of the crashed jetliner.

As the wounded were brought out into the open air, many on stretchers, Lt. Cmdr. Dale Rielage, a former volunteer with the Virginia Beach emergency medical services, helped treat wounded at the scene and reentered the still-burning Pentagon with firefighters, who were desperately trying to locate the injured.

Lt. Greg Goodman, an emergency medical technician volunteer from Bethesda, Md., assisted firefighters and rescue personnel who braved the fires at the Pentagon to rescue those still trapped inside.

Lt.j.g. Susan Henson helped galva-

nize a group of Navy and civilian medical personnel to assist wounded military members and civilians at the outset of the attack on the Pentagon. Lt. Douglas Spencer, who began to evacuate when the attack came, stopped to remain on the scene inside the Pentagon courtyard and helped to guide civilian firefighters around the Pentagon's maze of ruptured steel and concrete.

At one juncture following the attack, rescue workers and volunteers at the Pentagon were amazed to see an untouched symbol of American strength amid the wreckage: the Marine Corps colors.

Marines, Maj. Dan Pantaleo, Capt. Jared Hambrough and Sgt. Michael Farrington; Army Staff Sgt. Christopher Braman and civilian college student Eric Jones, recovered the colors.

Pantaleo led the group from the recovery site to the Headquarters Marine Corps to present the colors to Gen. Michael J. Williams, assistant commandant of the Marine Corps.

For more information on the Pentagon, go to <http://www.defenselink.mil/pubs/pentagon/>.



U.S. Navy photo

The Pentagon following terrorist attacks Sept. 11.

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America rushes support to stricken cities

WASHINGTON (NNS) — One day after the worst terrorist attack in the history of the United States, generous Americans are turning to the American Red Cross in the greatest wave of compassion that the organization has ever experienced, giving time, blood and money.

From multi-national corporations to small businesses and individual financial donors, cash contributions are flowing into the Red Cross to help provide lifesaving care and comfort for the thousands affected by this incomprehensible tragedy.

These cash contributions are fueling the massive national Red Cross disaster relief mobilization in New York; Washington D.C.; the Johnstown, Penn., area and other locations where the bereaved have gathered in Newark, N.J.; San Francisco; Los Angeles; and northern Virginia.

The Red Cross opened more than 35 shelters/reception centers around the country to help those who were directly affected and also for the thousands of air travelers stranded at closed airports throughout the nation.

Thousands of Red Cross disaster workers are providing shelter, food and other disaster relief all over the United States.

As the country suffers from a collective sense of shock, disbelief and loss that these catastrophes have brought about, hundreds of Red Cross disaster mental health workers have fanned out across the country to help with the emotional trauma from the terrorist attacks.

The American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Service has opened a toll-free emergency hotline for Pentagon military and civilian personnel who want help in dealing with the Sept. 11 tragedy. The number, 1-800-888-6967, is staffed 24 hours a day by Red Cross employees and volunteers.

The Red Cross is prepared to offer affected families with a wide range of emergency services, including mental health consultation, emergency travel, funeral services and other assistance, according to Red Cross



Navy hospital ship USS Comfort

representative Kelly Alexander.

"The impact of this goes way beyond those who have been directly impacted. 'Our whole nation has been affected and is grieving,'" said Margaret Pepe, a Red Cross disaster mental health services professional, who is providing crisis counseling at the site of the United Airlines crash in Pennsylvania. "The American Red Cross is doing everything we can to help alleviate the suffering."

Pepe said that in the wake of "this incredible pain that was deliberately inflicted" on the United States, adults and children in affected and non-affected areas are experiencing feelings of vulnerability and trauma that are to be expected with this type of psychological tragedy.

Here are some helpful tips in dealing with the extreme mental stress caused by this event.

- Avoid viewing repeated media coverage of the event;
- Talk about your feelings. Ask for help if you need it;
- Listen to other people and be especially kind to others;
- Spend time with your family;
- Return to your usual routine as soon as possible;
- Find a peaceful quiet place to reflect and gain perspective;

- Do something that helps others: make an appointment to give blood, take a first aid or a CPR class.

Since the disastrous events on Sept. 11, the Red Cross has received over one million calls to 1-800-GIVE-LIFE from those wanting to donate blood.

Due to the heavy volume of calls, callers are encouraged to be patient and keep calling to make appointments in the coming weeks and months.

The Red Cross is continuing to collect thousands of units of lifesaving blood to ensure that every need of every patient nationwide is met.

This generous outpouring of volunteer blood donations allows the Red Cross to escalate establishing our national strategic blood reserve.

The Red Cross will ensure that every unit of blood collected in the spirit of helping victims such as those effected by yesterday's disaster, as well as those who may suffer from the tragedies of tomorrow, next week, next month and next year — will not be wasted, and this includes freezing some types of blood donations. All Red Cross blood

donations will be used to save and enhance lives. In the wake of the terrorist attacks, the Red Cross received the largest number of online donations in the organization's history through its Web page, <http://www.redcross.org>, nearly one donation per second, totaling more than \$1 million in 12 hours.

All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people.

To help people of this emergency and others, contributions can be made to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund by calling 1-800-HELP NOW, or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish). Internet users can make a secure online credit card contribution by visiting <http://www.redcross.org>.

Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may also be sent to your local American Red Cross chapter or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, D.C. 20013.

Consider helping victims through donations

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The Department of Defense suggests that anyone considering making a donation contact one or more of the organizations listed below.

— **Army Emergency Relief Society Pentagon Victims Fund**, (703) 325-0463, <http://www.aerhq.org>;

— **Navy & Marine Corps Relief Society Pentagon Assistance Fund**, (703) 696-4904, <http://www.nmcrrs.org>;

— **Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund**, (303) 933-7580, <http://www.feea.org>.

Additional information regarding donations may be obtained from the Federal Emergency Management Agency at <http://www.fema.gov>.

The Department of Defense asks that anyone wishing to make a donation not call the toll-free number of the Pentagon Family Assistance Center. That number is reserved for families.

Other Charitable Support Contacts

American Red Cross

Call 1-800-HELP-NOW to make contributions for this and other disasters

Clay County Chamber of Commerce/American Red Cross

Accepting monetary donations for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

Checks or money orders are to be made out to:

American Red Cross
Mark the check "Disaster Relief" to ensure it will go to the New York and Washington victims.

Checks may be dropped off at, or mailed to:

Clay County Chamber of Commerce
1734 Kingsley Ave.
Orange Park, FL 32073
Phone: (904) 264-2651.

United Way's September 11th Fund

Donations may be sent to:

The September 11th Fund
c/o United Way
2 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10016
Phone: (212) 251-4035

International Association of Fire Fighters

Help fallen fire fighters and their families by donating to the International Association of Fire Fighters' Emergency Fund.

Send contributions to:
International Association of Fire Fighters

1750 New York Ave
NW Washington, DC 20006
Phone: (202) 737-8484

Salvation Army

National Phone Number: 1-800-SAL-ARMY

New York State Fraternal Order of Police

(Benefits families of missing police

officers)

New York State Fraternal Order of Police Fund
WTC Fund
911 Police Plz
Hicksville, NY 11801
Phone: (202) 737-8484

National Organization of Victim Assistance

Send Contributions to:
National Organization of Victim Assistance
Fund for Terrorist Attack Victims
1730 Park Rd NW Washington, DC 20010-2101
Guidestar.com

A list (by state) of organizations that provide disaster relief and assistance

Jax Navy Federal Credit Union

Any branch or drive-through location.. Account established to receive Red Cross donations.

Source: The Florida Times Union's <http://www.jacksonville.com>

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support in both the New York City and Washington, D.C., areas.

Pacific Fleet ships underway and ready to respond to any tasks in support of national defense at sea to contribute to the air and sea defense of the U.S. West Coast and Hawaii include USS John Stennis (CVN 74), USS Mobile Bay (CG 53), USS Valley Forge (CG 50), USS Decatur (DDG 73), USS Stethem

(DDG 63), USS Higgins (DDG 76), USS Russell (DDG 59), USS Fife (DD 991), USS Rentz (FFG 46), USS Sides (FFG 14), USS Thatch (FFG 43), USS Ford (FFG 54), USS Rodney M. Davis (FFG 60), USS Salvor (ARS 52) and USNS Yukon (T-AO 202).

Navy and Marine Corps installations around the country are at the highest states of alert. They are taking increased force protection measures to ensure the safety of military and civilian personnel at these installations.

Persons attempting to enter military bases can expect significant delays and increase of traffic as Navy security forces implement additional security procedures.

For more information about Navy ships, go to <http://www.navy.mil>.



The events of Sept. 11, 2001 have given us all reason to ask how can we help those who lost loved ones during these attacks on America.

Citizens have united and hundreds of organizations have established funds to assist those in need.

Most of these funds serve honest purposes and send a large percentage of each donation to their clients while maintaining low op-

erating costs. There are some that do not and have surfaced to take advantage of generous citizens during this national tragedy.

Moneyman suggests you ask each soliciting agency what their overhead costs are.

If you feel that amount is too much or, solicitors won't answer that question, you should consider contributing to agencies willing to provide their overhead percentages.

More questions? Call Hey MoneyMan! at 778-0353.

Relief society has helm to assist Navy families

By Staff

The Department of the Navy (DoN) has requested the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) administer an assistance fund providing financial assistance to Navy families of military persons killed during the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon.

Ensuring that all dependent children and spouses have an opportunity to complete their college education is the primary goal of this newly designated "Pentagon Assistance Fund (PAF)."

The Society has experience manag-

ing charitable funds following acts of terrorism said NMCRS Director of Communications John Alexander. NMCRS coordinated \$1.2 million in donations from businesses and private citizens following the terrorist bombing of USS Cole (DDG-67) last October.

While the Society neither solicits funds nor partners with any other private or public company to solicit funds, it applauds the groundswell of public financial support to Pentagon attack victims and can accept contributions from individuals, corporations, and organizations.

Make checks to:

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society
and marked for "PAF."

Mail checks to:

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society
801 North Randolph Street, Suite 1228
Arlington, Va. 22203-1978.

Contributions to the Society are tax deductible. One hundred percent of donations to the Society are returned as financial support.

NAVY NEWS

Queen and country honor fallen Americans

LONDON (NNS) — Showing that the special bond between Great Britain and the United States can endure any adversity, a special memorial service at St. Paul's Cathedral was held Sept. 14, three days after terrorists killed and wounded thousands during attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

To the peal of church bells, Queen Elizabeth II entered St. Paul's Cathedral for the service of remembrance for the fallen victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States. American dignitaries included William Farish, ambassador of the United States to the Court of St. James, and his wife.

Accompanying the Queen were the Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince of Wales. Fifty Sailors from U.S. Naval Forces Europe attended the services, representing U.S. personnel based in the United Kingdom.

The service began with the U.S. National Anthem, and was followed by the Lord's Prayer. Farish read the first lesson from the Old Testament of Isaiah. After the choir sang Psalm 23, the Duke of Edinburgh read from the book of Romans as the second lesson.

The archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend and Right Honorable George Carey, spoke of the American ideal of liberty. He said that, though other nations put a high value on liberty, Americans hold it especially dear. Carey spoke of the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor, as it stood strong during the country's darkest hour. "No darkness can extinguish that beacon of hope."

Following Carey's address, the great London Cathedral was filled with

multi-national voices singing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Carey later gave the blessing that holds true in good times and bad. "Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, hold fast to that which is good, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted and honor all people."

The service finished with "God Save the Queen," Great Britain's national anthem.

The service of remembrance wrapped up a week of unusual events for Americans.

In addition to the service at St. Paul's, by order of the Queen, for the first time ever, the Coldstream Guards played America's national anthem at the changing-of-the-guard ceremony at Buckingham Palace on Sept. 13.

USS Cole afloat again

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (NNS) — On Sept. 14, the Navy launched USS Cole (DDG 67) back into the water at Northrop Grumman Ship Systems' Ingalls Operations in Pascagoula. The ship was launched a day earlier than previously scheduled.

Cole was severely damaged in October 2000, when terrorists in Yemen attacked the vessel with a bomb-laden boat.

Seventeen crewmembers were killed and scores were wounded in the attack. The ship's restoration began in March, following its return to the United States aboard a Norwegian transport vessel.

Cole was moved onto a land-level facility in January, where Northrop Grumman originally built the ship.

Captain Phillip N. Johnson, supervisor of shipbuilding at Pascagoula, said,



USS Cole

"Work to date aboard USS Cole has consisted of more than 550 tons of steel structural repairs to replace the damaged area exterior plating. The re-launching of Cole represents completion of all structural repairs and restoration."

Other completed work included the replacement of damaged and unserviceable equipment, and removal, evaluation and recertification of critical systems such as shafting and propellers.

Following final checks, Cole will be returned to the fleet in 2002, according to Johnston.

NAS Jax squadrons deploy with USS Theodore Roosevelt

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. -- Two NAS Jacksonville squadrons with, 366 personnel and 14 S-3 Viking and SH-60 Antisubmarine Warfare (ASW) aircraft, deployed with the USS Theodore Roosevelt on Sept. 18.

The "Dragonslayers" of Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HS) 11, and the "Maulers" of Sea Control Squadron (VS) 32 are part of Carrier Air Wing One and are beginning a six-month deployment operating in the Mediterranean area.

It's time to get your uniforms ready

The shift to winter uniform of the day for all ships present and stations within Commander Navy Region Southeast's area of responsibility will take effect Dec. 3.

The following are some rules to keep in mind:

Ballcaps: Ballcaps are a component of working uniforms. Ballcaps may be worn with dungarees, flight suits, coveralls and working khaki, but shall not be worn with summer white or any other liberty or service uniform aboard NAS Jax.

Coveralls: Coveralls are intended for wear when other uniforms would be unsafe or would become unduly soiled due to the inherent dirty and/or dangerous nature of the work assigned.

Coveralls are approved for wear inside the confines of the NAS Jax flightline, and vicinity thereof, and only as work conditions dictate. Coveralls shall not be worn anywhere else aboard NAS Jax.

Civilian clothes in a military working environment: Military personnel assigned to military duties in MWR or other such service rolls shall wear the prescribed military uniform of the day.

Jax Tales

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VP-45 'Pelicans' support Joint Task Force Exercise

By Lt. j.g. Chris Artis

VP-45 PAO

Patrol Squadron (VP) 45 completed the last of 45 successful missions Aug. 17 during an 11-day Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) involving the USS Theodore Roosevelt Battle Group. The exercise took place in the warning areas of the Eastern Atlantic along the coasts of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. The Eastern United States from Virginia to Florida was divided up to resemble the geography of the Persian Gulf. Six Combat Aircrews from VP-45, augmented by two VP-10 aircrews from NAS Brunswick, Maine, participated in the event. Additionally, eight maritime patrol aircraft and 36 highly skilled maintenance personnel were dedicated to the exercise to provide 24-hour Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance (MPR) support to the battle group. Spearheaded by the hard-charging "Pelican" team, the MPRA effort successfully provided continuous on-time battle group support for a full 11 days.

The exercise began Aug. 7 and employed aircraft fitted with Aircraft Improvement Program (AIP) modifications that provided the Battle Group with real time intelligence on enemy ship positions. The information supplied by "Pelican" aircrews gave the Battle Group Warfare Commanders the insight necessary to accurately formulate efficient tactics and strategies for engaging enemy combatants.

Hostilities quickly escalated during

the exercise into war. During this time, the combat aircrews were tasked to conduct Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) and Surface Warfare (SUW) in close proximity to the Battle Group. The "Pelican" warriors were specifically credited with two hostile surface and two sub-surface kills. Additionally, the intelligence gathering efforts of the combat aircrews directly contributed to another 12 hostile force kills by the battle group. Throughout the 11-day period, VP-45 flew a total of 365 continuous mishap-free flight hours providing 279 hours of on station time to the Battle Group. This was a first for MPR Aviation. VP-45 provided 119 percent of the planned MPR flight time and 99 percent of the 24-hour coverage assigned during the exercise, logging twice as much acoustic Anti-Submarine Warfare contact time than in any recent JTFEX event while using approximately 18 percent fewer buoys.

The dedicated perseverance, tireless efforts, and onstation performance of Patrol Squadron 45 greatly contributed to the success of the USS Theodore Roosevelt Battle Group JTFEX, resoundingly demonstrating the multi-mission tactical contributions MPR aircraft can make to Battle Group operations. The mighty Pelicans of VP-45 provided unprecedented mishap-free, on-time, continuous Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance support throughout the entire exercise, achieving unparalleled success and once again raising the bar for future MPR endeavors. "Pelican Pride!"



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E1-E6 & Guests: \$15/person

E7-O3 & Guests: \$20/person

O4 and above & Guests: \$25/person

Featured guest speaker will be U.S. Congressman Ander Crenshaw

Civilian, Retirees & Guests: \$25/person

Military Dress

Dinner Dress White (Mess Dress Optional) E7 and above

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Civilian Dress

Black Coat and Tie

MENU

6:30pm: Hors d'oeuvres

Dinner: Chicken & Filet Marsala with house salad, baked potatoes, fresh broccoli, hot rolls, coffee & tea. Wine for dinner toast.

Desert: Choco Chip Pecan Pie

Dancing to follow dinner

Navy Birthday 5k Run: Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 11:30 a.m. off Mustin Road. No cost to enter and open to all. The first 100 to register at the Fitness Source receive event shirts. For more information, call 542-3518.

Navy Birthday Golf Tournament: Thursday, Oct. 11 at NAS Jax Golf Club. \$30 per person with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Sign up at the Pro-Shop. Four-man captains choice 18 holes, 32 team limit. For more information, call 542-3249.

September 11, 2001

A date we will remember

By JO3 Jackey Bratt

Staff Writer

Like many others aboard NAS Jacksonville carrying on their morning routine, I was at my desk when my co-worker rushed to our office saying, "A plane just crashed into the World Trade Center." I looked at him, said, "stop lying," and continued to click away at my computer. He then went on to say, "the Public Affairs Office has CNN on television" so our office proceeded to join the flock of viewers glued to the television.

The sight was unbelievable. The World Trade Center, a pillar of our economic status in America and throughout the world, shot through the heart by a domestic aircraft. Minutes later, news cameras were the eyes of many Americans as they watched a second plane crash into the south, remaining tower of the trade center. Looks of disbelief, mutter's of "Oh God," and "What the heck?!" emerged from the audience.

Just like many Sailors who have family and loved ones in the New York area, I automatically thought of my best friend, Nichole, who was living in New Jersey, but working in New York. I remembered her saying how her company had moved some offices into the World Trade Center. As I sat there, my mind wondered, hearing reporters saying, "No one could survive that!" Blank faced, staring at the screen in need of answers, a scene of a burning building was displayed.

"The Pentagon has been hit as well," stated a news reporter around 9:30 a.m. The building that many of our highest military personnel work in had been hit. Later that morning, Americans onboard a fourth hijacked plane met their fate in a field near Pittsburgh, Penn.

All government buildings including the White House and the Capitol and the Central Intelligence Agency were evacuated. The Federal Aviation Authority grounded all planes in the United States. U.S. forces were ordered to threat condition Delta. Non-essential personnel were told to evacuate the base.

As I was sitting in bumper-to-bumper traffic waiting to leave base, I wondered how something like this could happen. Was my best friend alive? Are we going to war? When will I see my son, who was with his father in Missouri, again?

When I got home I quickly turned on the television to find out the latest happenings. I also checked my voicemail. The voice of my best friend, sounding unfamiliar and distraught, "Jackey, I am alive, I made it home, everything here is crazy, like a war or something, peo-

ple are dead, I will be at home, I want to stay alive." I called her back, but most New York City phone lines had been disrupted.

U.S. Navy ships were positioned off the shore of New York City. Fighter jets were in the air patrolling. Fifty thousand US military reservists were called back into active duty status. America was under attack.

Talks of going to war, pictures of the now collapsed World Trade Center, people walking around with flyers of missing loved ones, scenes of total mayhem, veteran news anchors on the brink of tears, and our Commander-in-Chief, George W. Bush assuring us that we will respond filled the channels for the days following.

"Thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror" President Bush said in a televised nationwide address.

Army Gen. Henry Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, did not discuss possible U.S. retaliation for the attacks, saying, "I have no intention of discussing what comes next but make no mistake, our armed forces are ready."

Sailors have had to prepare for the possible separation from loved ones for an extended period of time. As we focus on being prepared 'for anything' remember your children as well. For many military families, having a parent away for a scheduled deployment is hard. It must be a scary thought for a child to know after watching the television and hearing the radio since this atrocity, that one of their parents' may be going away to a WAR.

Although we adults find this situation distressing and are searching for answers to why this happened, our children are looking to us for answers. We need to be their solid foundation and an outlet to our children's concerns and heartaches during these times.

Surely, the images of the destruction in New York City and Washington, D.C., the force of the attack, the swiftness with which it occurred and the pain and suffering endured by the victims have caused all of us to reflect on our own lives and on our nation as a whole. Many people have gone back to church, donated blood, held candlelight vigils, sent donations, displayed the American flag in cars, at home and at work, holding onto their strong sense of American pride.

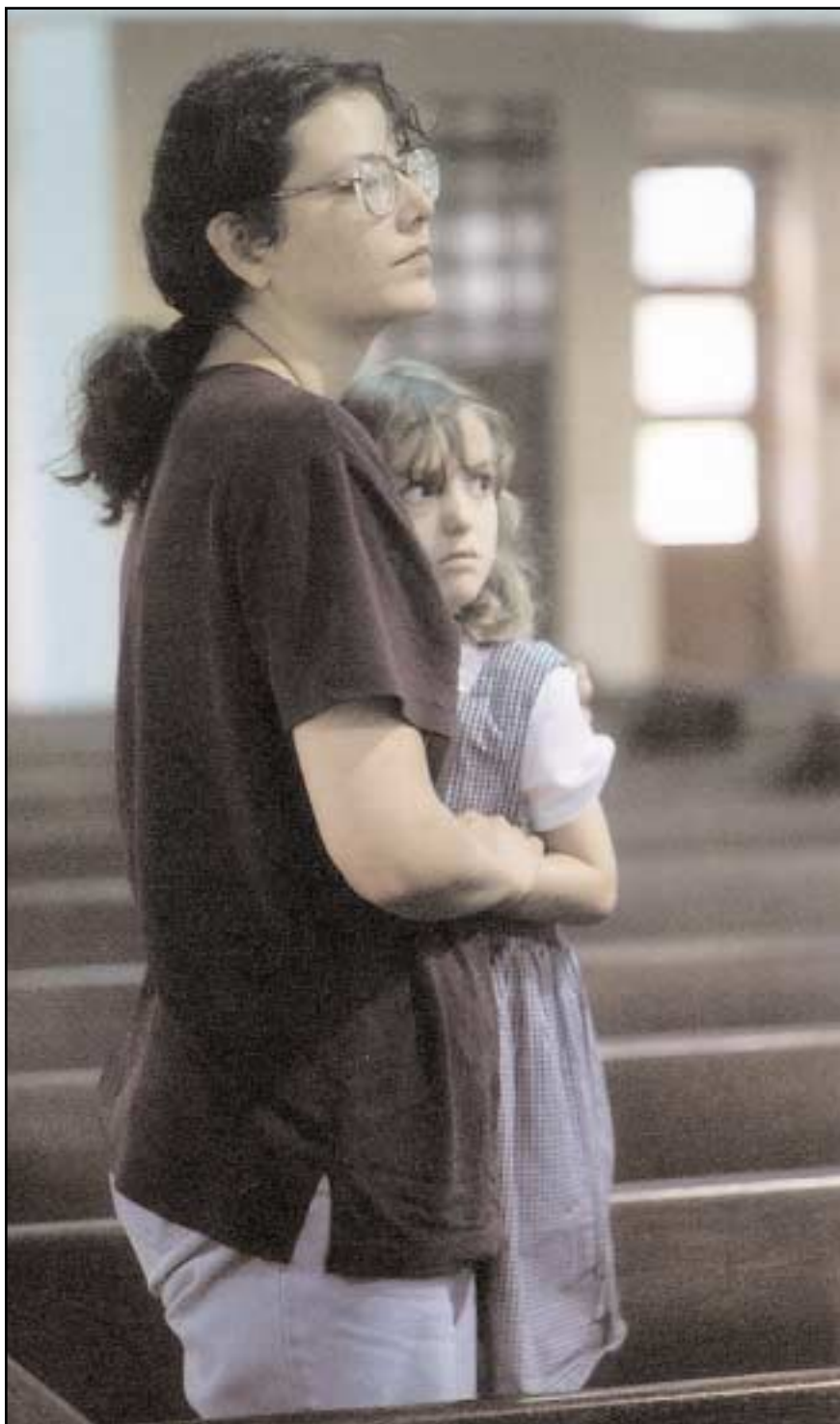
Fleet and Family Service Center in Bldg. 876 can be an outlet for understanding during this time of tragedy. Call 542-2766.

We will go forward, stay focused, keep our military and personal morale up and defend our beloved country.

Remembrance services offer faith, hope and courage

NAS Jacksonville military, civilians and family members attended remembrance services at the NAS Jacksonville Chapel Friday, Sept. 14, joining the na-

tion in remembering those lost in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Portions of those message, prayers and images from each service follow.



Bobbie Glass comforts her daughter, Kasara. Glass came to the midday service after Kasara said, "I'm worried about those people."

Virginia Morgan, Victoria West, Fran Kenney and Sheila Pearson remember those lost and injured during attacks at the Pentagon and World Trade Center during services at St. Edward's Catholic Chapel. They work at Fleet Industrial Supply Center.



E Pluribus Unum - SCATNA

By **Cmdr. Simon Peter G. Ignacio, CHC, USN**

NAS Jacksonville Command Chaplain

The greatness of our country lies in our unity despite our diversity - E Pluribus Unum. In recent years, however, we have become a nation of "hyphenated" Americans. Many have found it necessary in their "political correctness" to identify themselves by their ancestral roots, followed by "American," as Filipino-Americans, Afro-Americans, Latino-Americans, Irish-Americans, Arab-Americans, Asian-Americans, Euro-Americans, etc. Unfortunately, the attacks upon us last Tuesday, September 11, 2001, were not directed at any "hyphen," but were directed at "Americans," and at what we stand for as a country - freedom and peace.

Terror-stricken, we witnessed the World Trade Center Towers, symbols of our prosperity, crumble to dust; and the impregnable Pentagon, symbol of our

security, succumbed to a devastating attack.

During these unexpected tragic events, SCATNA was invoked. To most of us, it is a new military acronym. SCATNA stands for Security Control of Air Traffic and Navigational Aids. In a time of national crisis, all civilian airlines are grounded and all military aircraft go into the air to provide for strong defense. This past Tuesday, the Federal Aviation Administration closed all the nation's airports for the first time in history.

As Henry G. Brinton suggests, we may not have the power to ground any aircraft, but we can invoke a spiritual SCATNA with Psalm 46 in mind. Let us then go to the ground of our being—God, while we send to the skies our prayers for mercy, peace and guidance in this time of tragic crisis.

Ultimately, we must humbly acknowledge that it is in God alone that we shall find total strength, security and peace... for In God We Trust.



Service members reflect on the horror of last week's attacks and the trials that may face them in the future.



NAS Jacksonville Command Chaplain Cmdr. Simon Peter G. Ignacio conducts Mass for Catholic members of the NAS Jacksonville family.



Sal Serrano, Martha Flick and AOC(AW) Chris Johnson share a hymnal.

God's blessing invoked, Americans gird for war

By **Lt. Cmdr. D. Wayne Hatman,**
CHC, USN

O God, we have assembled to express our good faith in you and to ask your divine wisdom upon those in all levels of leadership that the course of actions we as a nation take, may be your will upon this earth.

We have heard with our ears, O God, through the faith of our founding fathers, we have learned what you did in the days of long ago, With your hand you brought a people who sought truth and freedom and planted your own people in a land to grow and flourish; through the years you crushed the people who opposed your plan for us and you made our fathers flourish. It was not by their sword alone that they won the victory, nor did their arm bring them such great prosperity, but it was your strong right hand, your arm and the light of your face, it was the favor you showered upon our fathers and the light of your face which they loved; and so, you were pleased to grant favor to this whole nation.

You are our God in whom we trust even this day, you who declares victory over your enemies. Though we may be able to push back our foes, yet it is through your name we trample those who hate us and the justice for which we stand. We pray for our military, but do not trust alone in our ability for we know it is not our might which brings victory, but it is the Lord God who brings victory over our enemies and puts our adversaries to shame.

O lord, let your mercy be upon us, and let your love be in our hearts. Guide our leaders and especially our President who has called this Day of National Prayer. Guide our leaders to know the truth, in all these difficult matters in which we now find ourselves. And give them divine wisdom

and help in this time of decision making. May they do your will at all times.

Remind us that there is no need to fear when evil days come, when wicked surrounds us. We believe that our God will not be silent when tragedy befalls us. For you, O Lord, summon the heavens above and the earth below in behalf of those who have made a covenant with you. For we call upon you in the day of trouble and ask to be delivered from those who make terror upon the innocent not just with our nation, but who make terror on others throughout the world.

Lord, you teach us that those who bear the sword, do not bear it in vain. May those who have dug pits for others, now fall into their own pits! May those who plot destruction and practice deceit, and love evil rather than good be brought down to ruin. May they be snatched up and torn away from their tent and uprooted from the land of the living.

Have mercy upon those who cry today because of the evil of others. Have mercy O God according to your unfailing love and according to your great

compassion. Turn the heart of this nation to forsake the unrighteous deeds we have done. Draw us together as one people not just united against a common enemy, but unite us with a strong heart to seek the justice, and mercy, and favor of the Lord our God. Cause us to love what is right and to delight in you and your ways.

In your great kindness, hear our prayer O ancient One.

Listen to the words of my mouth as strangers attack us; ruthless men who seek our life and faith—men without regard for God

Surely you are our help, and the One who sustains us.

*Photos by PHAA Jennifer Cook, Jeff Hilton
and PHAN Aaron Lockhart*

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A stone-faced VP-30 lieutenant was one of several hundred at the worship service.



Sailors bow in prayer for victims of terrorism.



**Lt. Cmdr. D. Wayne
Hatman, CHC, USN**

Sympathy expressed

Jax Air News asked those attending Day of Remembrance Services at the NAS Jacksonville Chapel Sept. 14 what messages they would convey to the loved ones of the September 11 terrorist attack victims. Their thoughts follow:



Teresa Bennett

“Keep your hope up and keep faith.”

YN1 Dave Schuulz

“The whole nation is behind you and our prayers are with you.”



Christy Osborne

“Our thoughts and sympathy go to the victims.”

Jennie Burke

“Keep our spirits unbroken and remind the world that freedom is not free.”



Darryl Ingle

“God and peace be with you.”

Grace Myers

“Stay strong, keep faith in God.”



Transportation Secretary reopens national airspace

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta re-opened national airspace to commercial aviation at 11 a.m. Eastern time Sept. 13.

"Anyone planning on flying should check with their airline regarding the level of service and flight schedules, and be sure to allow plenty of time to deal with our new security procedures. There will be some inconveniences, but safety will be the first element of our system to be restored," the Secretary said.

Secretary Mineta had approved a limited re-opening of the system, allowing aircraft diverted during terrorist attacks Sept. 11 to continue to their destinations or be repositioned.

At the same time, he announced a series of heightened security measures, including a ban on curbside luggage check-in and off-airport passenger check-in. Before being allowed to re-open, airports must clear their terminals of people and conduct thorough searches. Once re-opened, airports will feature an increased presence of law enforcement officers and restricted access beyond the screening area.

Frequently asked questions

When should I arrive for my flight?

Call the airline in advance to see how much time you should allow. You will need plenty of time to go through all the additional security that will be required.

What do I do if I have an electronic ticket?

You should call the airline in advance. Only ticketed passengers with photo IDs will be allowed beyond the security checkpoint. Within certain guidelines, the airlines will determine what ticket documentation (tickets, boarding passes or reservation confirmations) their screeners will allow, so you should check with the airline in advance if you have an electronic ticket.

Will I be allowed to meet an arriving passenger at the gate?

No one without a ticket will be al-

lowed beyond the security checkpoint. Provisions will be made for parents who need to meet unaccompanied minors, for disabled persons and persons with special needs who need to be accompanied by healthcare assistants or guardians and for medical personnel who need to respond to a medical emergency beyond the checkpoint.

If I don't have a bag to check, do I need to check in at the ticket counter?

If you already have a ticket, you may proceed through the security checkpoint to the gate.

Can I carry my pocket knife on board?

No knives or cutting instruments of any size or material will be allowed in the aircraft cabin. Knives may be transported only in checked baggage. Airlines will no longer provide steak knives for on-board food service.

What new security will I notice at the airports?

- There will be thorough searches of all airports and airplanes before passengers are allowed to enter and board aircraft.
- Curbside check-in is prohibited.
- Checking bags at off-airport sites is prohibited. You may still use these sites to obtain boarding passes and seat assignments.
- Passengers should go to the ticket counters to check in.
- Only ticketed passengers will be allowed through the security checkpoints.
- Vehicles parked near the airport will be closely monitored.
- You may notice additional uniformed law enforcement officers and FAA canine teams patrolling the airport.

Will armed officers be put on flights?

Yes, FAA Federal Air Marshals who are armed and trained in the use of firearms on board aircraft will be flying anonymously. Federal Air Marshals are FAA civil aviation security specialists who are specially trained for deployment on anti-hijacking missions. The FAA will not reveal the number or iden-

ties of the marshals. The DoT is working with the DoD to see if other highly trained agents may be deployed to augment the Federal Air Marshal force.

Will the government be taking over the security screener workforce?

We are looking at every aspect of security now for possible improvements. The FAA already has a rule pending expected to go final this month that will give the agency direct oversight of screening companies and impose new rigorous standards for training and testing of screeners. The rule will also require the use of new software FAA is deploying that will monitor how well each screener is doing at detecting dangerous objects. Under the new rule, screening companies whose screeners fail to meet FAA detection standards can lose their FAA certification to perform security at the airports.

Are you going to require hijacking training for pilots and flight attendants?

We already require the entire flight crew to undergo initial hijacking training, and annual recurrent training. We do not detail what this training encompasses for obvious security reasons. Whether this training will change in any way, we don't know at this time, but we're looking at everything for lessons we can learn.

Advancement exams postponed by attacks

WASHINGTON (NNS) — In view of the tragic events that began on the morning of Sept. 11, the Navywide advancement exams for petty officers 2nd class and petty officers 3rd class that were originally scheduled for Sept. 13 and Sept. 20 have been postponed until further notice. Information about this guidance can be referenced by NavAdmin 240/01. New dates for the exams will be promulgated by a separate NavAdmin. For updated information about the advancement exams, goto <http://www.bupers.navy.mil>.

On The Go With USO Women's Health Forum

USO has free tickets for the "Speaking of Women's Health" Forum on Sept. 22 at the Adam's Mark Hotel from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Breakfast and lunch is included. The forum is sponsored by Wal-Mart, Lifetime Television, The Florida Times Union, Baptist Health & Convergys Corp and Proctor & Gamble. It will cover topics such as Body Image/Self Esteem, Plastic Surgery, Cancer, Stress Relief, Osteoporosis, Personal Safety, Heart Health, Finance and more. For information and free tickets, contact JoAnn or Charlene at the USO, front gate NAS Jax, 778-2821.



VOLUNTEER OPS

Light the Night Walk' for leukemia, lymphoma - tonight

The 'Light the Night' walk-a-thon will take place Sept. 20 starting at the Jacksonville Landing.

Volunteers are needed for various shifts from 1 - 9 p.m. to help out with set-up, registration, traffic control, refreshments, handing out walker information and clean-up.

Contact Catherine Coin or Dearing McRae at 538-0721 or (800) 868-0072.

International Coastal Clean Up - Saturday

Help clean up the trash along our community's shores and riverbanks during this day of international effort. Yes, while you are assisting clean-up efforts here on the First Coast - there will be thousands of others doing the same across the world. Help make Jacksonville a better place to live.

Minimum age requirement is 18 years, if accompanied by an adult. Groups welcome! Contact the City of Jacksonville, Sue Bisesi or Robyn Cenizal at 630-1020 or via email at volunteer@coj.net.

American Heart Association Walk-a-thon - Saturday

Help at the number one walk-a-thon in Northeast Florida! The American Heart Association is looking for volunteers to coordinate the set up and operation of their annual walk-a-thon on this Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. in Friendship Park (located next to the Museum of Science and History on the south bank of the St. John's River). Volunteers will assist with event set up, blowing up balloons, hanging banners, raising food tents, serving food and beverages and clean up. Two shifts are available - from 6-10 a.m. and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call 739-0197.

Ronald McDonald House 'Carry the Key' 5K Run - Sept. 29

Support this event by volunteering in many capacities. Event day duties include: race registration; passing out refreshment; and staffing of after-run festival activities such as face painting; set up/clean up; managing merchandise table, etc.

Prior to the event volunteers are also needed to assemble goodie bags for the

500 race participants. Minimum age requirement without an adult is 14 years. Call Lisa McCarthy at 798-2950.

Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk Odyssey - Oct. 6

Lots of special event volunteers are needed for this walk. Duties include assisting elderly participants and running errands beforehand. Minimum age is 25 years old or 16 years with a parent. Sign up to help out by contacting the Alzheimer's Association - Angela Kilpatrick or Diantha Grant at 398-5193.

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation 'Race for the Cure' - Oct. 13

Volunteer are needed for a variety of positions on race day at the Seawalk Pavilion, Jacksonville Beach. Help out with activities ranging from staffing the education and t-shirt booths to pre-race set-up and post-race tear down to registering teams and staffing water booths. The races begin at 8 a.m. - volunteer hours begin at 6 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. depending on activity. Contact the Race hotline at 241-3156.

Jacksonville Agricultural Fair Adult Service's Country Store -

Volunteers are needed to assist at the

Jacksonville Agricultural Fair in the Adult Service's Country Store. Local seniors make and sell handmade crafts with all proceeds benefiting Jacksonville seniors. Shifts are available daily from Oct. 17 - 28. Volunteers are also needed on Oct. 15 and 16 for store set-up. All volunteers will receive free parking and admission to the Fair on the day of their volunteer assignment. Volunteers ages 16 and older are welcome to participate. Contact the City of Jacksonville, Robyn Cenizal or Sue Bisesi at 630-1020 or via email at volunteer@coj.net.

Downtown Ecumenical Service Council (DESC) Dinsmore Catfish Tournament - Oct. 20

Help with this annual fishing event. DESC is looking for assistance during three shifts on 20 Oct. from 1-4 p.m.; 4 - 7 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. Volunteers needed for set up, parking, registration, weighing fish, cooking and serving barbecue and clean up.

The tournament will be held at the Davey Big Tree Nursery in Dinsmore (north of downtown Jax near Dunn Avenue).

The rain date is Nov. 3 and any changes will be communicated via WJXT, TV 4. Call 358-7955.

MWR NOTES

For information on MWR events visit us online under the MWR button at www.nasjax.navy.mil or e-mail us at mwrmtg@nasjax.navy.mil.

Free Movies

Due to a change in the Chief's Initiative data, movies scheduled for Friday, Sept. 21 have been cancelled. The next movie will be on Friday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. and is The Santa Clause (PG-13).

NAS Jax Golf Club

It's "Swing Time" for the Ladies on Friday evenings. Ladies interested in learning or improving golf skills head to NAS Jax Golf Club at 5:30 p.m. every Friday with each week addressing a different topic. Topics include putting, chipping, pitching, swing etc. The cost is only \$10/week and provides a great social outlet in addition to taking part in golf. For information call the Pro-Shop at 542-3249.

NAS Jax Bowling Center

Be famous and name NAS Jax Bowling Center. The contest is on all you have to do is drop your name at the Bowling Center or e-mail your suggestions to: mwrmtg@nasjax.navy.mil, the name

must incorporate NAS Lanes in it somehow. For information call 542-3493.

Win Cash in the Haunted Woods Challenge

Commands, departments or squadrons could win up to \$500 for their Recreation Funds by creating and staging a scene during Haunted Woods on October 19 & 20. Check out the MWR website under special events at www.nasjax.navy.mil to obtain the registration form or call 778-9772.

Navy Birthday 5K Run/Walk

Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 11:30 a.m. off Mustin Road. The first 100 to register at the Fitness Source receive event T-shirts. There is no cost to enter and it is open to all.

Navy Birthday Golf Tourney

The Golf Tournament is Thursday, Oct. 11 at NAS Jax Golf Club. Cost is \$30/person with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Sign up at the Pro-Shop. The play is four man, Captains Choice 18 holes, team prizes and on-course proximity prizes. A cookout follows with hamburgers and hotdogs. There is a 32-team limit.

Mulberry Cove Marina

Let your hair blow in the wind during Sailing Classes. Keel Boat Class (must have basic sailing credentials). The current class runs Sept. 21-23 and is only \$45/person. This cost includes everything you need. If you need basic sailing the Centerboard Class is for you and runs Sept. 22-29 and Sept. 29 and 30 and that cost is \$65/person. For more information stop by or call the Mulberry Cove Marina.

The Marina has gone to Winter Hours they are: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., closed on Tuesdays and Friday-Sunday and Holidays 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Liberty Cove

Liberty Events target the E1-E5. Trips are open to active duty and their guests 18 and over and tournaments are open to active duty only and take place in Liberty Cove Recreation Center located on the corner of Yorktown Avenue and Jason Street. For information on the Liberty Program or events call Jaimie at 542-3491.

Dinner and a Movie - Tonight. Enjoy dinner at Liberty Cove at 5:30 p.m. and then head to Orange Park Mall in the Liberty Van and see the movie of your choice.

Cumberland Island and Camping at Fort Clinch State Park - This Saturday spend the day experiencing the wonders of Cumberland Island and enjoy a night of camping at Ft. Clinch. The cost

is only \$20/person. Sign up at Liberty Cove.

90-Second Pool Shoot Out Pizza - Sept. 24 at 11:30 a.m. in Liberty Cove, both are free.

Last Buck Barebecue and 8-Ball Pool Tournament - Sept. 26. The cook out is from 6-8 p.m. and the tournaments start at 7 p.m.

Information Tickets & Travel

Call 542-3318. Trips are open to everyone. Children under 17 must be accompanied by an adult.

Experience The Okefenokee Swamp - Travel with ITT on Saturday to see the beautifully pristine and ecological wonder of the Okefenokee. Your trip will include a guided boat tour of the swamp, followed by a cookout. After lunch we will drive down the scenic nature road on our way to the Chesser Homestead. We will walk the Cypress Boardwalk, and climb the observation tower. Everything is included for only \$22.50 for adults, and \$18.75 for children.

Cumberland Island Adventure - Discover the beauty of Cumberland Island with ITT Sept. 29. We will take the ferry to the Island, where you will have an hour tour with a Park Ranger. After the tour you will have the rest of the day to explore and see the wild life, including the famous Cumberland Island horses. Fees for adults are \$24; seniors \$21 and children are \$19.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Texas A&M Hometown Club invites all "Aggies" to join them in watching Aggie football and cheering on the team this season. Call Lt.j.g. Puig for more information at 542-2052.

U.S. SubVets Kings Bay Base/WWII Trident Chapter meets the first two months of each quarter, on the third Wednesday evening at 6 p.m., at the St. Marys Submarine Museum, 102 St. Marys Street West, St. Marys, Ga. Attendance at meetings is open to anyone who served on and "qualified in submarines." The third month of each quarter, on the third Saturday, the chapter holds a social/dinner meeting at a place to be determined. Call (912) 882-ASUB, e-mail: subvets_kingsbay@bigfoot.com, or check out our website at: <http://kbtridentsubvets.hypermart.net/>.

Start an AMVETS Chapter. Veterans of Clay, Duval, Bradford, Nassau and St. Johns Counties are invited and encouraged to start an AMVETS Post in your community. Unite with fellow veterans socially and to service other veterans. It takes only 10 members to get started. All veterans including active duty members may join. AMVETS District XV Commander, Bill White will assist you in every way until you are on your own. Call 352-473-2369 for information.

The Navy Wives Club of America, NWCA Jax #86, meets the first Wednesday of every month. Meetings are held in Building 612 on Jason Street at NAS Jacksonville at 7:30 p.m. The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays and every other Saturday

from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call 772-0242 or President Barbara Howard at 471-1444.

The Fleet Reserve Association Branch 126 will meet tonight at 8 p.m. at the Branch Home, 7673 Blanding Blvd. All active duty and/or retired enlisted personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard and enlisted Reserve personnel are invited to join and attend. Call 771-2936 for information.

The Jacksonville Home & Patio Home Show is Sept. 27-30 at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. More than 350 exhibitors along with prestigious national and local experts will share advice and products designed to spark the imaginations of home enthusiasts across the First Coast. Featured this year are Christopher Lowell from Discovery Channel and author of The Seven Layers of Design, appearing Saturday only at 4 p.m. Joe Ruggiero, host of Home and Garden Television's The World of Design will host instructional seminars for guests, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Tickets available at the door are \$7 adults, children 6-12, \$4.50. Thursday is Seniors Day, seniors get in for \$4.50 all day. For information call 730-3356.

The St. Johns River City Band presents "Oktoberfest" in Hemming Plaza Sept. 28, 6-11 p.m. Hemming Plaza is downtown bordering Duval, Hogan, Monroe and Laura. The event features authentic German foods, imported & domestic beer, a wine tent offering samples and wine for sale. Providing dance music will be The river City Contin-

ents. There will also be a costume contest and door prizes and drawings. Event tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 day of event. Designated drivers tickets are \$5 in advance, \$7 day of event. Patrons' package available for \$150, includes reserved table for 10, two pitchers of beer and recognition on the Patron Board. For reservations call 355-4700 or fax to 355-4707.

The Florida Disabled Outdoors Association, "Sunshine State Sportsability Expo 2001" will take place Sept. 28 and 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at FCCJ South Campus. There will be basketball, tennis, archery, target shooting, fishing, etc on Friday. Saturday activities at Victory Lake will include water sit-skiing, golf clinic, swimming, aqua chairs, pontoon boat rides, canoeing and kayaking, waverunners, etc. Volunteers are needed in all areas from registration to cooking and pushing wheelchairs. Lunch and t-shirts are provided. Volunteers should call JoAnn Dilling at USO, 778-2821.

The Orange Blossom Palmetto Classic Parade is Oct. 6 at 10 a.m. The City of Jacksonville is looking for civic, military and school groups to participate with entries. The parade is part of a weekend of events celebrating the Orange Blossom Palmetto Classic Game between the SCSU Bulldogs and FAMU Rattlers. Kickoff for the Mid Eastern Athletic Conference match-up is at 7 p.m. on Oct. 6 at AllTel Stadium. For tickets call 630-3900 or visit Ticketmaster or click on www.orangeblossomclassic.com. Parade participants will march alongside the renowned Florida A&M Marching 100 and the South Carolina State Marching 101. To participate with a float, decorated car or other entertaining entry contact Troy Winn at 630-3690 or email twinn@coj.net.

The Middleburg Masonic Lodge is offering free videotaping of children Oct. 6, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Middleburg Civic Center "Block Party" which offers a day of fun for the whole family. The purpose is to aid law enforcement agencies in finding lost children. The videotapes are free and the property of the parents or guardians who will take the tapes home with them. The tapes document the date of recording, the child's birthdate, height, the way the child walks, facial clasps and a voice profile. The program is also useful for elderly or persons with Alzheimer's disease. For information call the Lodge at 282-5936, Joe Wallace at 282-8620 or Ken Hall at 282-8780.

The Eleventh Annual Cathedral Foundation Golf Classic is Oct. 15 at Deerwood Golf Club. Participation allows hundreds of isolated and frail elder and disabled persons to receive a hot, nutritious home-delivered meal from The Cathedral Foundation's Meals on Wheels Program. For information or to register for as a sponsor or player call Darby Simonton at 807-1300.

The Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair, set for Oct. 17-28, is seeking entries for its Arts & Crafts section. Located on the floor of the Coliseum the Arts and Crafts section will offer awards for several age divisions, from Golden Years to Youth. Craft categories include Christmas crafts to woodcrafts, needlecrafts, practical art, fine art, gems, minerals, weaving and fiber arts. There will also be a First Coast Fashion Show Oct. 28 and with competition in fashion design, both amateur and professional. For entry forms, rules and prize information call 353-0535 or visit www.jacksonvillefair.com.

NAVHOSPJAX NEWS

Preview of New healthfinder(r) Website

From NavHospJax Public Affairs

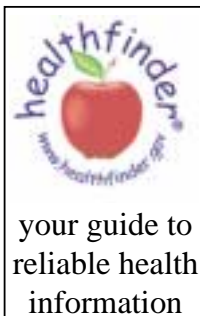
The Federal Government's portal to reliable health information on the Internet healthfinder(r) has been redesigned!

To view the new site, visit <http://www.healthfinder.gov/default.asp>

New features of the redesigned site include:

- Daily health news
- Interactive online checkups
- More prevention, wellness, and alternative medicine resources
- An expanded Spanish section
- A new section just for kids 8-12

Note: healthfinder(r) is not a military website but has proven to be a valuable source of information for other healthcare issues.



Jaguars tickets available through USO, ITT

Jaguars tickets are now available at the USO.

All active duty military, retirees and reservists can purchase season tickets for one season only. Normally season ticket holders must purchase the tickets for three years. These tickets are in the nose bleed section, but they offer a great view of the game at a great price.

Total cost for the season, including two pre-season and eight regular season games, is \$134.10. That is \$13.41 per game to see such teams as the Super Bowl Champions, Baltimore Ravens, the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Green Bay Packers, or the Tennessee Titans play.

Another special is the regular individual tickets in the USO section in the north end zone known as the

"Cage of Rage." These tickets are limited to active duty personnel only and cost \$6. Single Sailors can purchase two tickets and married Sailors can buy up to four if they are married and have two children.

One thing new this year is that uniforms are no longer required in the USO section. What a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon with your friends and family!

You may also purchase tickets from MWR at the ITT office for all home games. Tickets are \$48.25.

Phone 542-3318 for further details.



Jax Sports

Call Sports Coordinator Bill Bonser or Athletic Director Mike Gorman at 542-2930/3293 for MWR sports information. Send e-mail to:

dbonser@nasjax.navy.mil or

dgorman@nasjax.navy.mil

Visit: www.nasjax.navy.mil/mwr.

Officials, scorekeepers needed

North Florida Military Officials Association looking for individuals to officiate soccer, softball, football, and volleyball at NAS Jax. Scorekeepers also needed for basketball and softball. Experience is not required. If interested, contact Al Vandercar 282-0809.

Captain's Cup Tennis Tournament Sept. 24

The Captain's Cup Tennis Tournament, set for Sept. 24, 4 p.m., is free and open to all NAS Jax active duty men and women. There will be separate men and women's divisions. Matches will be played at the Birmingham Tennis Courts. Individuals playing in tournament will earn Captain's Cup points for their command. Call NAS Jax Gymnasium to sign up.

Intramural basketball meeting

The Intramural Basketball League is open to all NAS Jax active duty commands and personnel. An organiza-

tional meeting will be held in the main event room in "The Zone" at 11:30 a.m., Oct. 11. The season is scheduled to begin Nov. 5 and games will be played Monday through Thursday at 5, 6:15, and 7:30 p.m. All interested personnel should attend the meeting to discuss rules and to get required paperwork to join the league.

All Navy Wrestling tryouts

All Navy Wrestling Coach Rob Herman will conduct tryouts at the NAS Jax Gymnasium from 5-7 p.m. on Oct. 12. Tryouts are open to all active duty Navy personnel. Wrestling equipment and attire are not necessary and weigh-ins are not conducted for the tryouts. Weight classes include: 119, 127, 138, 152, 167, 187, 213, 286. Sign up at base gym.

Women's Softball League forming

The Women's Fall Softball League is open to all NAS Jax active duty, military family members over 18, retirees, and DoD civilians. The season is scheduled to begin Sept. 18 with games played Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. Contact the base gym.

Men's Varsity Flag Football coach wanted

The NAS Jax Athletic Department is looking for an experienced military or

civilian individual who would like to coach the men's varsity flag football team. The team represents NAS Jax in military and community tournaments in the southeast region. Interested personnel should contact the NAS Jax Athletic Department.

Water polo players wanted

The NAS Jax Athletics and Aquatics Department is looking for active duty personnel who would like to play water polo. To sign up contact the NAS Jax Athletic Department.

Men's Varsity Basketball coach wanted

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Running and Triathlon Team

Are you a competitive runner? Would you like to represent the Navy in 5K, 10K, marathons, and/or triathlons?

The Navy will showcase elite active duty Sailors in regional races. Uniforms, transportation, entry fees and lodging costs will be provided. Runners must compete in a USA Track and Field, USA Triathlon Association, or Roadrunners Clubs of America sanctioned race and have one of the top ten regional qualifying times.

Contact Mike Gorman if you have run a sanctioned race and meet the regional qualifying time.

STANDINGS

Intramural Flag Football League

Team	W	L
VP-30	5	0
Weapons	3	0
AIMD	2	0
NLSO	3	1
VP-45	3	1
FACSFac	3	1
VR-58	2	1
VP-16	2	2
VS-31	2	3
HS-75	1	2
ASTC	1	3
VS-30	1	4
NAMTra	1	4
Power Plants	0	3
CHSWL	0	4

Intramural Golf Freedom League

Teams	W	L	T
CPRW-11	8	1	0
FACSFac I	7	2	0
NavHosp	6	2	1
VR-58	6	2	0
SERCC	1	5	2
VP-45 A	5	2	0
AIMD A	5	3	0
NAMTra Blue5	3	0	0
HS-15	2	4	0
FASO	2	5	0
HS-75	2	6	0
VS-30	2	6	0
NCTS	1	7	0
VP-45 Os	0	7	0
CV-TSC	0	8	0

Intramural Golf Liberty League

Teams	W	L	T
VP-30	6	1	0
Navy Band	7	2	0
AIMD B	6	2	0
NAVAIRES	6	2	0
GEMD	6	2	0
2NDBN351	6	2	0
Blount Is.	5	2	0
VP-45 B	5	3	0
BMC	4	3	1
SERCC	2	3	5
CSCWL	3	5	0
NAMTra			
Gold	2	6	0
FACSFac II	0	6	1
NAMTra			
Chiefs	0	8	1
HCSO	0	8	0



Keep NAS clean

It is home and workplace for nearly 25,000 Sailors, Marines and civilians